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Providing Corrosion Protection

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RESPONSE

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 3, 2003 in the above-captioned application.

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In that Action, the Examiner entered a restriction requirement between two groups of claims as follows:

- I. Claims 1-11, 25-27, 39-41, 55, 56, 70 and 71, drawn to a coating composition and a method of making a coated substrate; and
- II. Claims 12-24, 28-38, 42-54, and 57-69, drawn to a coated substrate having zinc alloy flake containing coating

Applicant herein elects the claims of Group I for immediate examination. Applicant reserves its right to pursue prosecution of the claims of Group II.

Respectfully submitted,

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